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News From Our Local Churches - September



Peace Congregational Church UCC, Clemson, SC helped plan and lead a service at Clemson University where over 500 people attended, called "Remembering September 11, 2001: Looking Back-Looking Forward Toward Compassion, Peace and Reconciliation." [Link here to read more on this event.](#)

Pilgrim United Church of Christ, Birmingham
Janet Weidler has announced her resignation as pastor. The congregation is currently searching for an interim minister.

Safe Harbor Family Church UCC, Jackson, MS
Andre Vlok, co-pastor has moved to Texas, and Pam Walsh continues to serve along with a staff of four others. The church recently scheduled a daylong meeting with Tim Downs to do long range planning and seek ways to strengthen their relationship with the UCC as a newly affiliated church. They will be the first church to be involved with the new PATHWAYS program. *Staff of Safe Harbor pictured right.*



Transforming Churches Transforming Lives Union Chapel, Tougaloo College, Jackson MS, has paid its contribution in full to the Campaign to **Transform Churches and Transform Lives**, with the presentation of a check to the Conference minister on September 11th. *Union Chapel-Tougaloo College Congregation pictured below receiving certificate from Tim Downs for their capital campaign contribution.*



UCC News

UCC Newsroom
Headlines from the United Church of Christ
U.S. Attorney drops charges against 'Interfaith 11' stemming from summer prayer protest in Rotunda
WASHINGTON, D.C. The U.S. Attorney on Oct. 11 cleared a group of interfaith church leaders — including a former president of the United Church of Christ and the director of the UCC's Washington, D.C., office — of charges stemming from their July 28 arrest for holding a prayer vigil in the U.S. Capitol Rotunda. The vigil was in response to the threatened shutdown of the federal government over the deadlocked legislation.



Atlanta UCC Churches Join in Witness Against the Execution of Troy Davis

In the time leading up to the execution of Troy Davis on September 21st, by the state of Georgia, an execution which was protested by leaders as diverse as Bob Barr, Jimmy Carter, and the Pope, the UCC churches of Atlanta made their voices heard. [Link here to read more](#) on participation by Atlanta UCC members and UCC national.

Pleasant Hill Community UCC Reaching the Completion of Renovations

Pleasant Hill Community UCC has watched with anticipation as the major renovations have expanded their facility to accommodate their growing congregation. They are hoping to move into their facility at the end of October.

First Congregational UCC, Atlanta, Nearing Completion of Rebuilding

After over ten years of planning, and securing a major loan from the Cornerstone Fund of the Unite Church of Christ, First Congregational UCC, Atlanta, is nearing the completion of the major renovations to their historic building. They hope to move in at the beginning of Advent, or at the latest, the beginning of the New Year.

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